Uniform policy for medical and engineering colleges

2156. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any uniform policy for all medical and engineering colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Medical and Engineering are two distinct disciplines. Medical education in the country is regulated by the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and various regulations notified by Medical Council of India there under. Similarly, Engineering education is regulated by an act of Parliament *i.e.* All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987. The AICTE has a well defined approval process for establishment of new technical institution and extension/ increase in intake and additional programmes for technical institutions, which is uniformly followed.

Inclusion of madarsas in SSA

2157. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to include all madarsas under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of madarsas functioning in Bihar and the quantum of funds allocated to them under SSA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Madarsas/ Makhtabs have been covered under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in order to provide the State school curriculum to those children who are not attending primary/elementary schools. The Madarsas/Makhtabs have to volunteer for the assistance. Free textbooks, teacher training, contingencies etc. are provided, for the purpose.

(c) 2365 Madarsas/Makhtabs are being supported under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Bihar, so far.

Appointment on compassionate ground

2158. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons died in harness in the Ministry during the last five years, year-wise and name-wise;